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Examiner: Jill M. Gray

in re Application of:

Richard LEVY

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For: SUPERABSORBENT POLYMER COMPOSITIONS ON A SUBSTRATE (AS AMENDED)

Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

WRITTEN STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF TELEPHONE INTERVIEW PRUSUANT TO M.P.E.P. § 713.04

Applicant's attorney, pursuant to M.P.E.P. § 713.04, submits this written statement of the substance of telephone interviews with examiner Jill Gray On May 3, 2004 and her Supervisory Primary Examiner, Cynthia Kelly on May 4, 2004 to advise both of copending application Serial No. 10/317,775, filed December 12, 2002 by Serge Rebouillat et al. and allowed by examiner Tatyana Zalukaeva, of Group Art Unit 1713, on March 18, 2004. Rebouillat et al. paid the issue fee on April 12, 2004.

The claims of the present application are substantially the same as the electronically published claims of Rebouillat et al. It appears that examiner Zalukaeva did not cite the present application in an interference search of the Rebouillat et al. application, which examiners

ordinarily conduct prior to issuance of a Notice of Allowance. Lastly, applicant's attorney advised examiners Gray and Kelly that they could telephone examiner Zalukaeva at (571) 272-1115.

Respectfully submitted,

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